

Islamic Studies

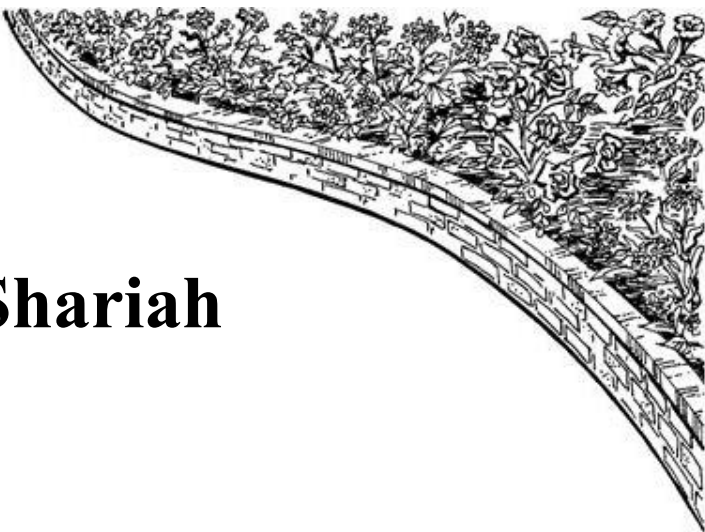
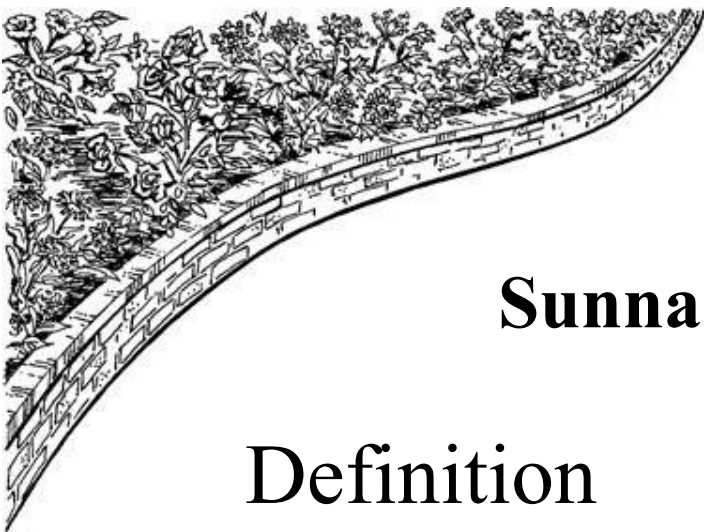
Sunnah, Ijma, Qiyas and Ijtihad



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Understanding Sunnah (literal and technical meanings) and explain its role as a source of Shariah in relation to the Qur'an.





Sunnah 2nd source of Shariah

Definition

Explanation of Quran

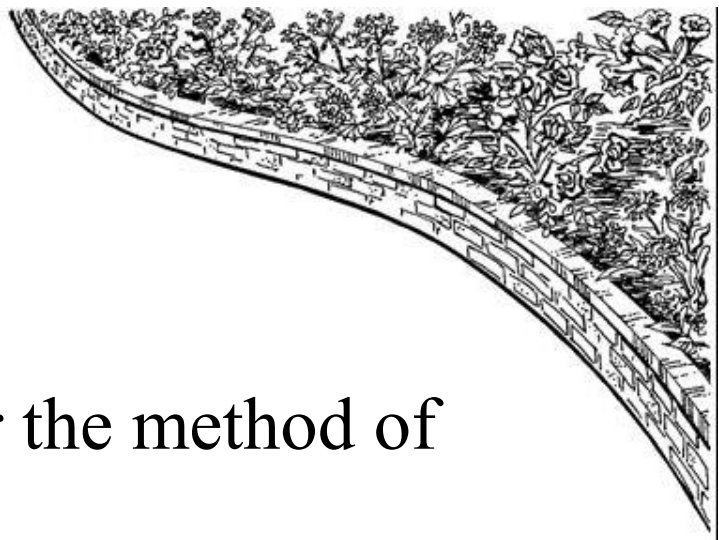
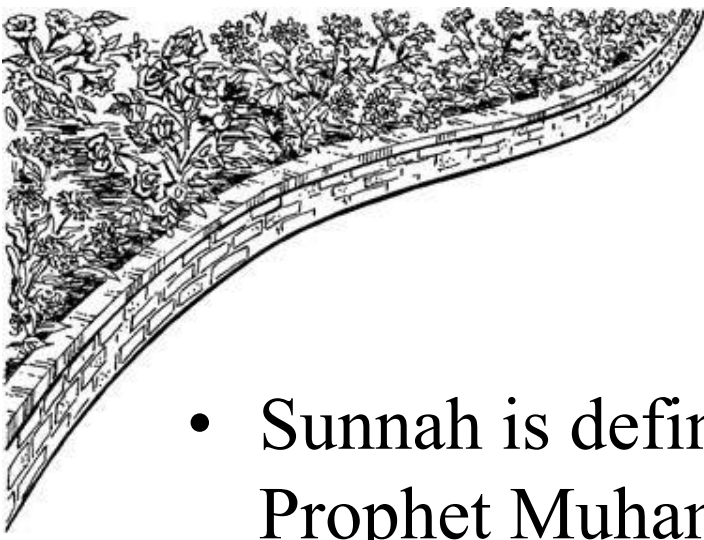
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A kind of revelation

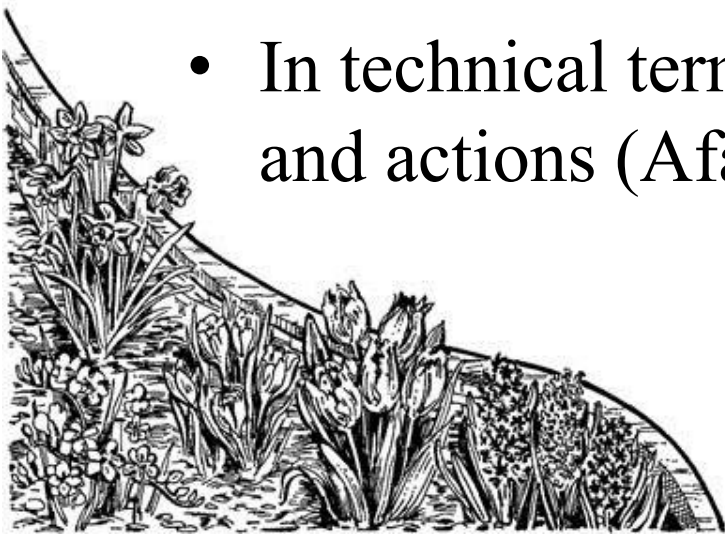
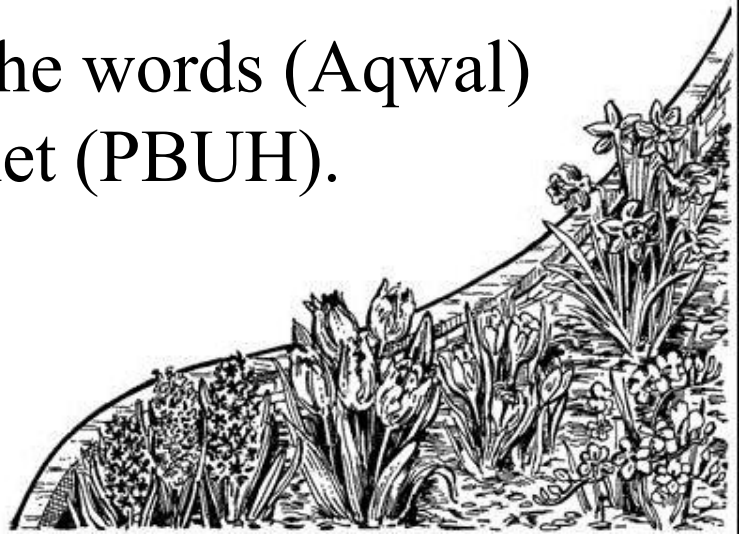
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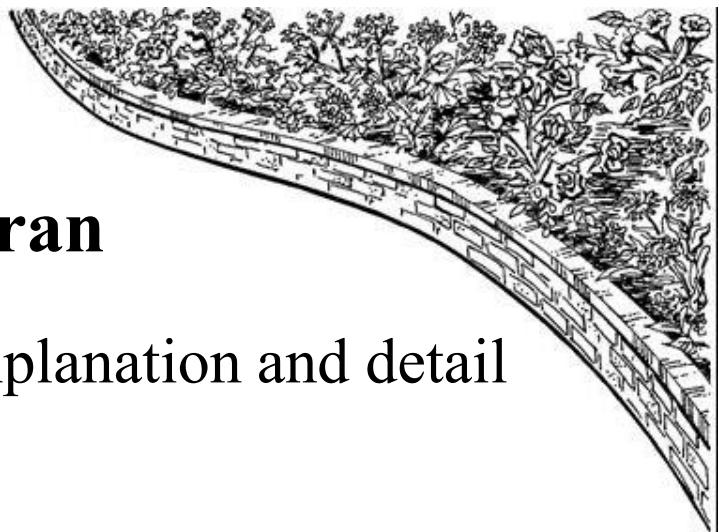
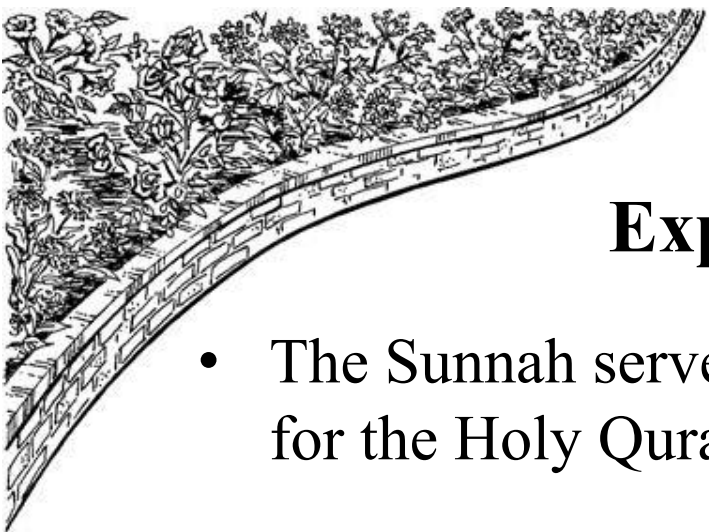
Preservation of Sunnah



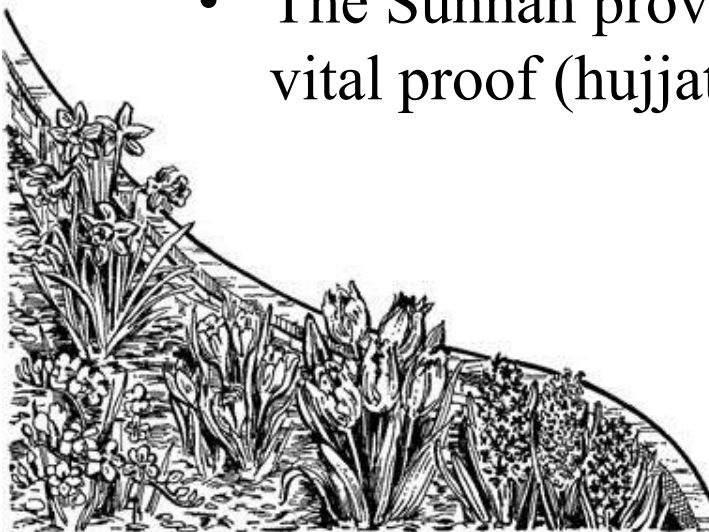
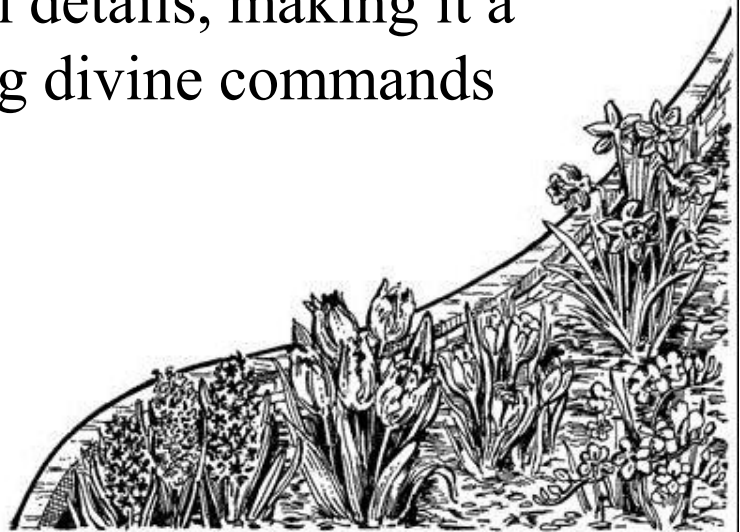


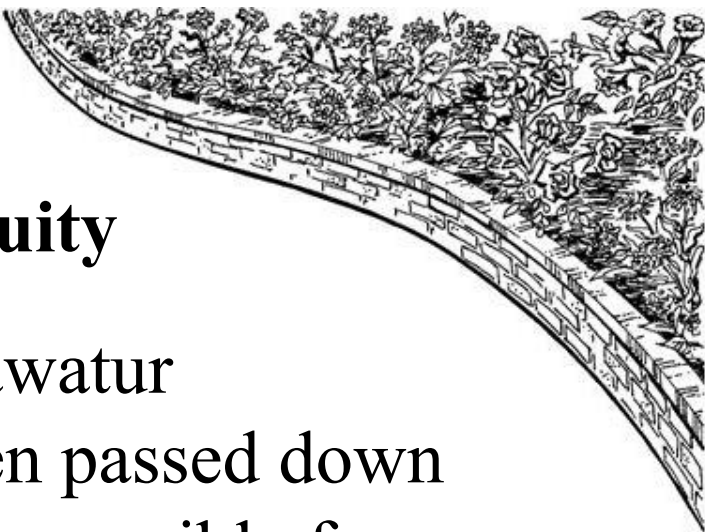
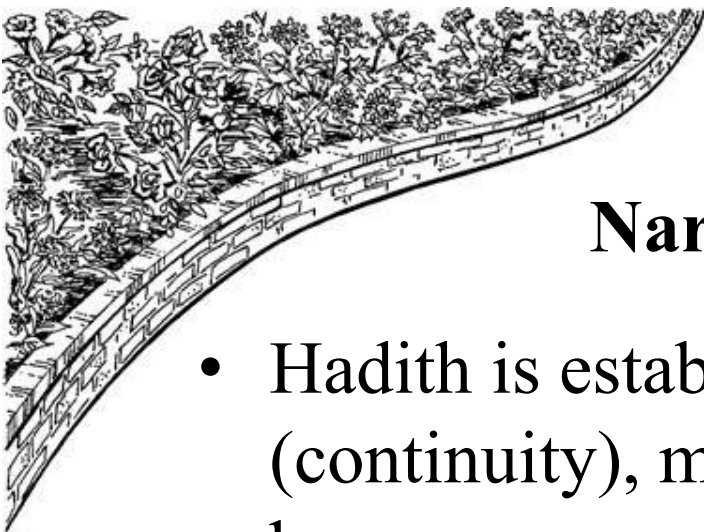
Definition

- Sunnah is defined as the way or the method of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
 - The term is used synonymously with Hadith, and both serve as primary sources of Islamic law and jurisprudence.
 - In technical terms, it refers to the words (Aqwal) and actions (Afal) of the Prophet (PBUH).
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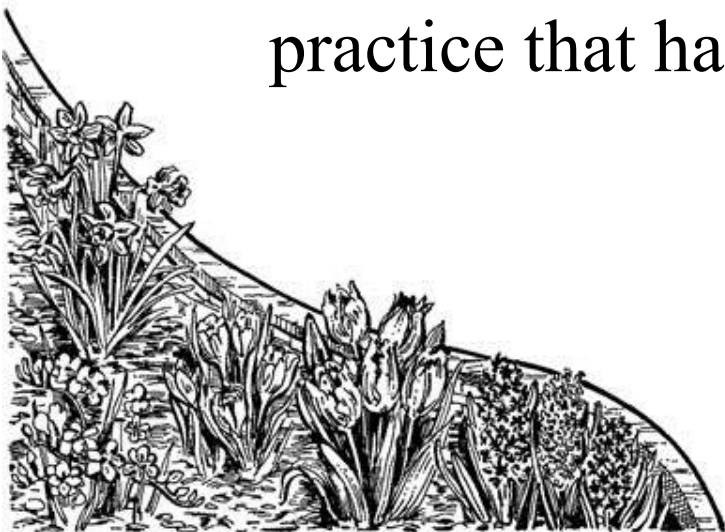


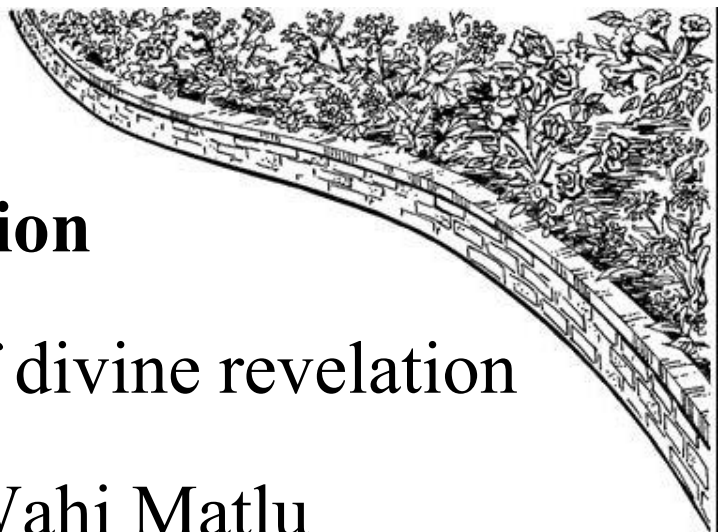
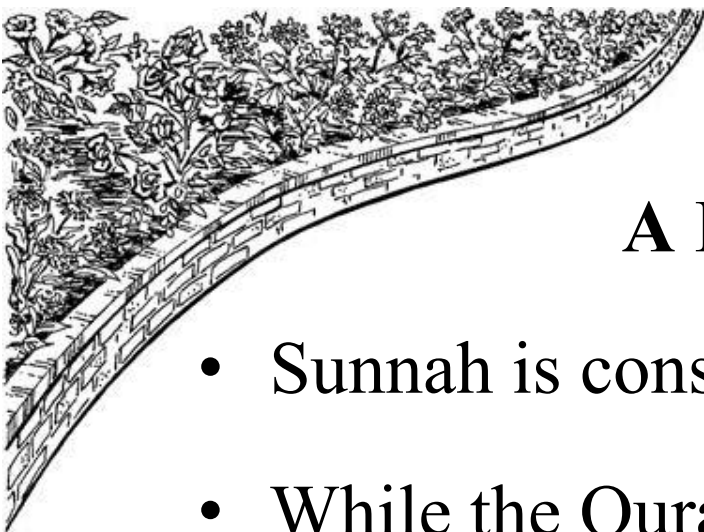
Explanation of Quran

- The Sunnah serves as a necessary explanation and detail for the Holy Quran
 - While the Quran provides many general teachings, it often remains silent on specific details, such as the pillars and timings of prayer (Salah), the calculation of Zakat, and the specific rituals of Hajj
 - The Sunnah provides these essential details, making it a vital proof (hujjat) for understanding divine commands
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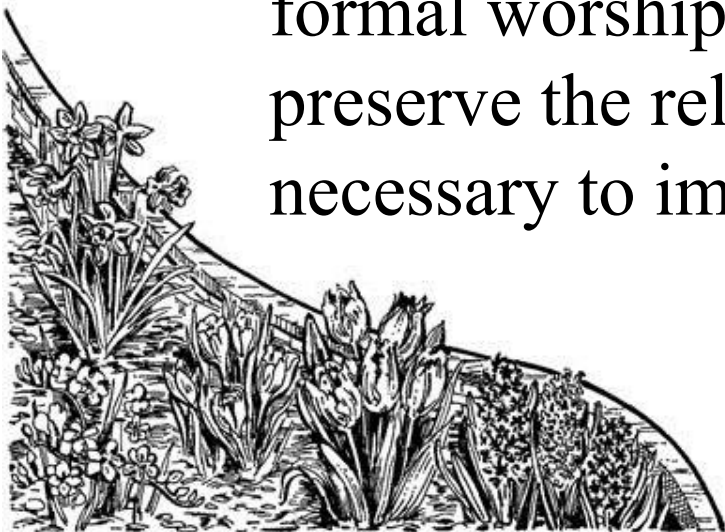
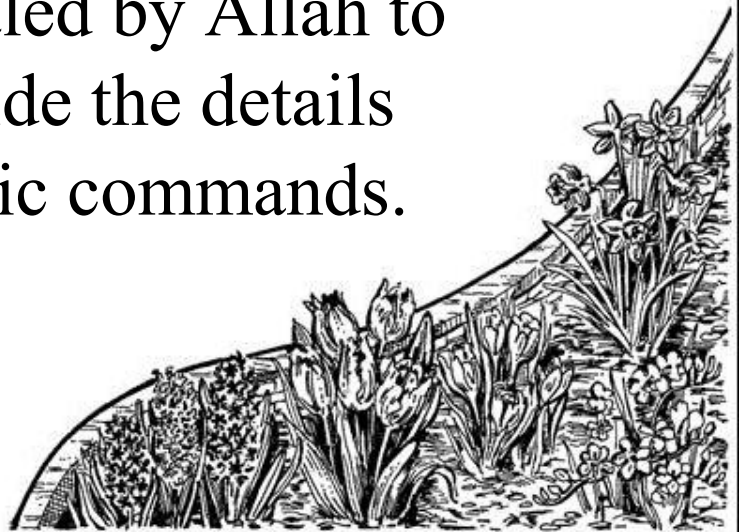


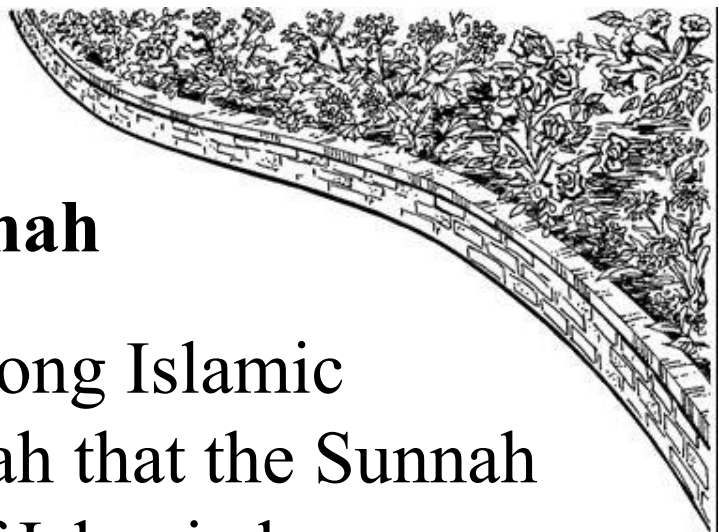
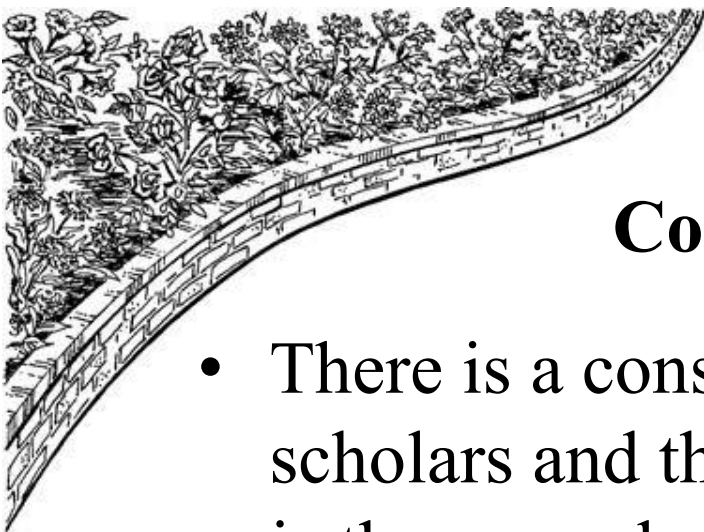
Narrated in Continuity

- Hadith is established through tawatur (continuity), meaning it has been passed down by so many narrators that it is impossible for them to have collectively agreed upon a lie
 - This continuous chain of narration (sanad) serves as a definitive proof that the Sunnah is a verified practice that has reached us intact.
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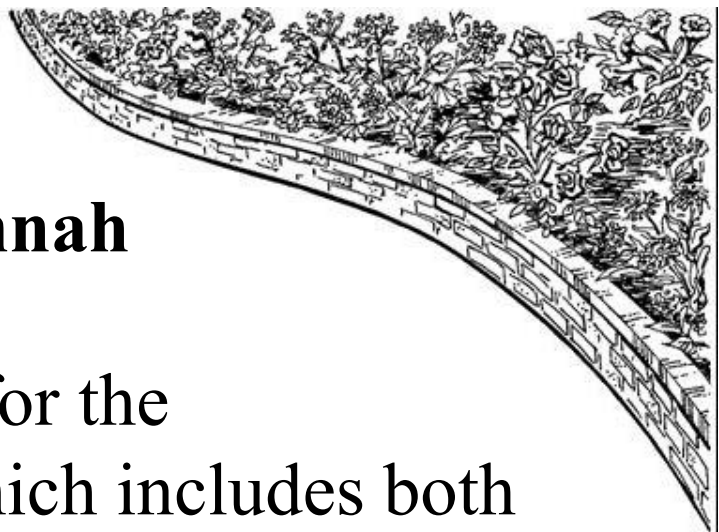
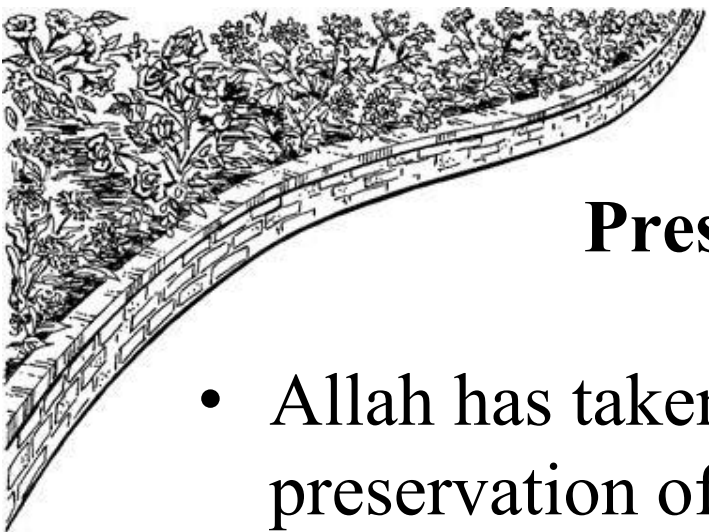
A Kind of Revelation

- Sunnah is considered a form of divine revelation
 - While the Quran is known as Wahi Matlu (recited revelation), the Sunnah is categorized as Wahi Ghair Matlu (unrecited revelation)
 - Although its words are not recited as part of formal worship, it is still revealed by Allah to preserve the religion and provide the details necessary to implement Quranic commands.
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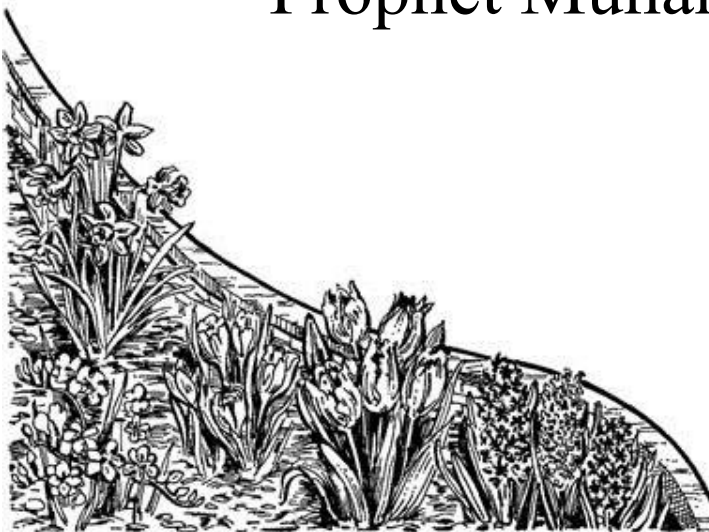


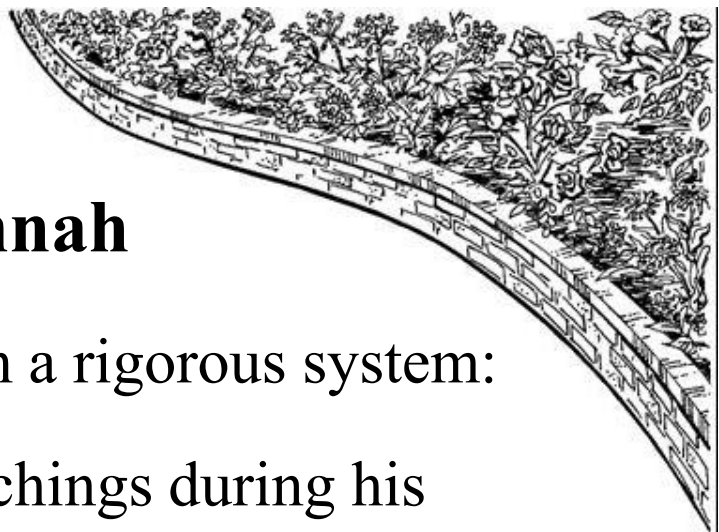
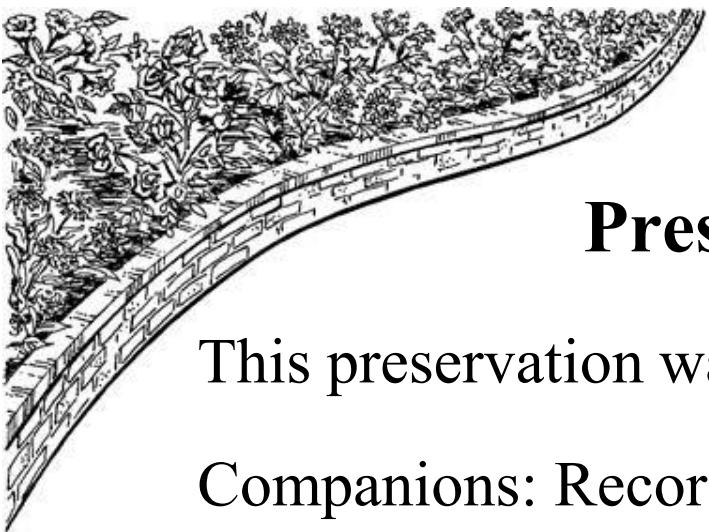
Consensus of Ummah

- There is a consensus (Ijma) among Islamic scholars and the Muslim Ummah that the Sunnah is the second primary source of Islamic law
 - It is accepted as a complete code of life, offering guidance for social, economic, and political aspects of human existence
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Preservation of Sunnah

- Allah has taken responsibility for the preservation of the "Dhikr," which includes both the Quran and the Sunnah.
 - No other prophet's life has been documented with such comprehensive detail as that of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
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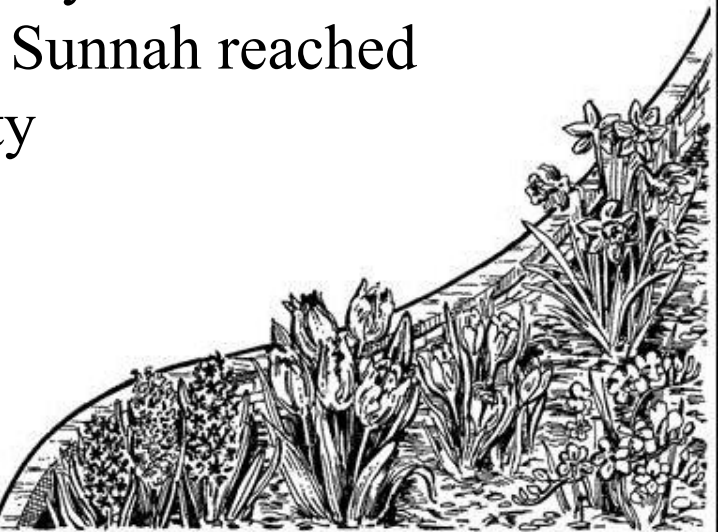
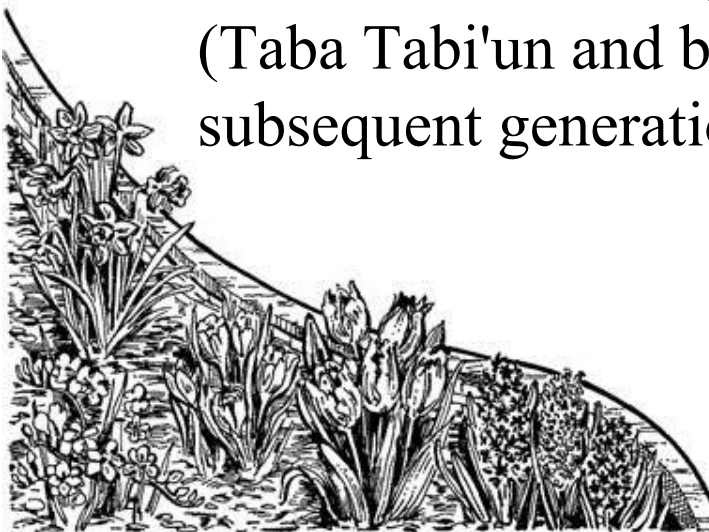


Preservation of Sunnah

This preservation was achieved through a rigorous system:

Companions: Recorded his life and teachings during his lifetime

Successors (Tabi'un): Continued the documentation through books and narrations



Chain of Narration (Sanad): A complete system of narrators (Taba Tabi'un and beyond) ensured the Sunnah reached subsequent generations with authenticity